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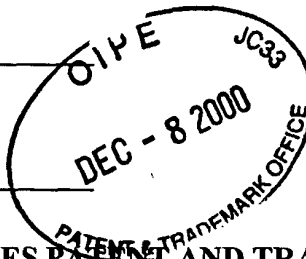
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sean C. Semple, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/122,588

Filed: July 23, 1998

For: LIPOSOMAL COMPOSITIONS
FOR THE DELIVERY OF NUCLEIC
ACID CATALYSTS

Examiner: M. Schmidt

Art Unit: 1635

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2000 for 3 months, from September 5, 2000 to December 5, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$445 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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